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SUBJ: PUBLIC OFFICIALS COMMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S AID TO TURKEY
STATEMENT

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1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ'S TESTIMONY ON US-TURKISH DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) HAS PROMPTED RESPONSES BY
PRIMIN DEMIREL (REFTEL), FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, REPUBLICAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEPUTY SECGEN HASAN ESAT ISIK
(EX FONMIN) AND TURKISH LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN BEHICE BORAN.

2. CAGLAYANGIL NOTED THAT NIMETZ "STRONGLY EMPHASIZED"
THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY TO NATO AND THE US, BUT ALSO
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POINTED OUT THAT THE DCA IS AN "EFFECTIVE MEANS OF
ORGANIZING RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND GREECE". CAGLAYANGIL CON-
CLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A "TENDENCY TO LINK THE
EMBARGO AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM-- SOMETHING WHICH WE
STEADFASTLY OPPOSE--THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATIFICATION
IN DUE TIME HAS NOT BEEN MADE SUBJECT TO ANY SPECIFIC
CONDITIONS. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION STATED THE RELATIONSHIP

BETWEEN THE EMBARGO AND CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL, FLEXIBLE AND INDIRECT TERMS IN USING EXPRESSION FAVORABLE TO TURKEY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD NOT BE A WRONG INTERPRETATION TO SAY THAT THE FIRST STATEMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON THE DCA SHOWS THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY ON OUR SIDE ON THIS MATTER, AS CONTRASTED WITH THEIR STATEMENTS IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ALTHOUGH THE PRESENT SITUATION PRACTICALLY ELIMINATES THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE EMBARGO, IT WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THE CONGRESS RAPIDLY TO RATIFY THE DCA."

3. ISIK NOTED THAT SINCE TURKEY WAS IN THE ELECTION PERIOD IN WHICH THERE WAS " SUCH A PERIOD OF TENSION AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS", FOREIGN QUESTIONS WOULD NOT HAVE " TOP PRIORITY IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THE RPP SPECIFICALLY HAS A CONCEPT OF RESPONSIBILITY WHICH DOES NOT FIND IT RIGHT TO GIVE UNWARRANTED PRIORITY TO THE QUESTION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. WE BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE TURKISH PUBLIC IN THESE MATTERS WILL CERTAINLY REFRAIN FROM CONDUCT WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WANT TO INFLUENCE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION....AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, HOWEVER, THE U.S. DOES NOT WANT TOTALLY TO IMPAIR TURKEY'S DEFENSE WITHIN THE CONCEPT OF DEFENSE PRESENTLY IN FORCE. FOR THAT REASON, AMERICAN LEADERS MAY BE CONSIDERING SOME MEASURES FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF UNTIL THE DECISION OF THE CONGRESS IS KNOWN."

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4. ON APRIL 23, TURKISH LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN BEHINCE BORAN SAID THAT RECENT MOVES BY THE USG " WOULD DO NOTHING TO CHANGE THE SITUATION" BECAUSE THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO " USE THE DCA TO PUT PRESSURE ON TURKEY OVER CYPRUS. THE MOVES DID, HOWEVER, CLEARLY SHOW THAT CARTER SUPPORTED THE NATIONALIST FRONT (I.E. DEMIREL COALITION) IN TURKEY."

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